

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1214 - HB 1877**

March 3, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes residents of assisted care living facilities, including those who have qualified for hospice care prior to admission, to receive hospice care services and continue as a resident as long as his/her treating physician certifies that hospice care can be appropriately provided at the facility. Requires hospice services be provided pursuant to the resident's hospice plan of care.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- Allowing an individual who qualifies for hospice services to be admitted into an assisted-care living facility for those services will not impact the number of TennCare enrollees in home and community based programs.
- According to the Bureau of TennCare, an enrollee will receive the hospice services regardless of the housing arrangement.
- The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities will conduct any necessary rule revisions during a regularly scheduled board meeting resulting in a not significant increase in expenditures.
- Department of Health surveyors will ensure assisted-care living facilities are complying with provisions of the bill during regular site visits.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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